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OBJECTIVE:

An unprecedented amount of Lagrangian data is now being collected by oceanographers. The general feeling is that such data are important for an accurate description of ocean circulation. Regrettably, little hard analysis has gone into deployment strategies and even less into quantitative use of Lagrangian data after it has been collected. This is unfortunate, since such data can enhance numerical modeling efforts through data assimilation, which makes explicit use of the data's Lagrangian character. These data can also be used to assess a model's ability to predict the evolution of transient events.

The long range objective of this project is to develop theoretically based quantitative procedures for utilizing Lagrangian data for both of these applications. The focus of this phase of the effort will be on using both surface and subsurface Lagrangian data for a quantitative assessment of circulation models.

APPROACH:

The approach used here is an improvement of that used by Eremeev *et al.* (*Jour. Geophys. Res.* 97: 9733-9753, 1992). This is summarized briefly here.

The basis for the procedure is a general Eulerian representation of any hydrodynamic field Γ^r as:

$$\Gamma^r(\mathbf{x}, \eta, t) = \sum_{k=1}^K A_k^r(\eta, t) \Gamma_k^r(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad (1)$$

Here, the superscript r could represent components of the velocity field and η is a surface that is a characteristic of either a model or the Lagrangian observations. This might be depth for a numerical model, and an isopycnal or isobaric surface for data. The Lagrangian representation of the same field simply replaces the horizontal position \mathbf{x} with the path data \mathbf{x}^p for Lagrangian probe p .

The key issue is the specification of the basis function Γ_k^r in (1). A number of

options are available, but the one most appropriate for this effort is to utilize a representation of the velocity field as:

$$\mathbf{u} = \nabla \times [\mathbf{n}\psi + \nabla \times (\mathbf{n}\phi)] \quad (2)$$

where \mathbf{n} is normal to η . Projection of \mathbf{u} and $\nabla \times \mathbf{u}$ onto η give:

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{u} = -\nabla \cdot [(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \nabla \phi - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \phi)]$$

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla_H^2 (\mathbf{n} \times \nabla \phi) - \nabla \cdot [(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \nabla \psi - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \psi)] \quad (3)$$

The solution of (3) involves eigenfunctions of a Poisson problem which ensure no slip and no normal flow at the domain boundaries - typical numerical modeling constraints. These eigenfunctions are the basis functions Γ_k^r in (1). They can be calculated (with some difficulty and care) for any given model geometry. Once determined, they are used for both model output and observations.

PROGRESS SUMMARY:

We have been working on this project for less than 6 months, so only preliminary results are available. Although the approach described above is well documented in the literature, there is precious little experience with applications. In order to develop some focus, we elected to first apply the method to enclosed or nearly enclosed basins with a substantial amount of Lagrangian data. We have succeeded so far in the first task of developing numerical methods for calculating the eigenfunctions in (1) above for no slip boundary conditions.

APPLICATIONS:

When developed, this technology will impact naval operations in two ways. First, it will provide a powerful quantitative tool for comparing circulation model predictions with Lagrangian observations. This would assist in the interpretation of data from transient events and provide a more powerful method for assessing model performance than is currently used. Second, it will provide a means for assimilating drifter and float data into predictive models. Such a development would correct a long-standing problem with present assimilation methods, which don't take full advantage of the Lagrangian character of the data.

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